



for Wikispaces wikis



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wikis—opening an account and creating a wiki

1. Go to **wikispaces.com** and create an account (if you don't already have one)
2. Click on **Create a New Wiki**
3. Choose a **name** for your wiki (between 3 and 32 characters long)
4. Make sure you add a description—your wiki will then be added to the Wikispaces directory.
5. Under **wiki permissions** select what type of wiki you want
 - Public—anyone can edit and view—FREE
 - Protected—anyone can view, only members can edit—FREE
 - Private—only members can view and edit—FREE for K12 Education
6. Choose the **type** of wiki—most likely K-12 education
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With your wiki open

1. Navigate to page you want to edit
2. Click on **Edit this page** to take you into the editing window
3. You can begin typing your content in this window.
 - To change text size—click on the box that says **Normal** and select one of the headings to change text size. Heading 1 is the largest.
 - To change font and color—click on the **color and style** button (the letter T with a ball) When the window opens you can choose the font and the color by clicking on a color wheel. When finished choose **Apply Style**
4. Choose **Save** to save your changes
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- With wiki open choose **New Page** (top left)
- Type name of page (ex. Tips & Tricks) and add any tags you might want
- Select **Create**
- Before adding anything to your new page it is a good idea to link to it.
- Choose **Save** and exit new page
- In the menu/navigation bar click on **edit navigation**
- **In the window that opens put the cursor where you want the link to appear in the navigation bar**
- Click on the insert link button (looks like a link) a new window opens
- Make sure the Wiki Link tab is selected. In the top box type the text that will be the link to your new page (ex. Tips & Tricks)
- Click n the third box and choose the name of the page you are linking to (ex. Tips & Tricks)
- Select add link (the window will close) and then choose **Save** to exit the editing window
- Click on the link in the navigation bar to go to your newly created page.

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wikis—uploading and inserting individual files/images

With your wiki open:

1. Open page you want to edit. Put cursor where you want the file/image to go and click on **Edit this page**
2. Click on the **Insert Images and Files** button (green icon to left of TV). The **Images and Files** window will open
3. Click on the **Upload Files** tab and then select “**click here to use our single file upload tool**”
4. Click on the **Browse** button to locate the file or image you want to upload
5. Double click on the file/image or select **Open**. This will bring the file/image into the browse bar. Select **Upload**. This may take a few seconds.
6. You should now see an icon/thumbnail for the newly uploaded file/image in the window.
7. Double click the file/image and it should be inserted into the page.
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2. Under **Content**, choose **Files**
3. Select **Upload**
4. **Browse** to locate folder of files you want to upload
5. Open folder—select all of the files you want
6. Select **Open**
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6. Navigate to file by starting to type the name of the file in the box at the top or using the page numbers at the bottom (files are organized alphabetically) to scroll through the files
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2. Type in the subject of your post in the **Subject** box
3. Type in your questions or comments in the **Message** area
4. Click **Post** (lower right hand corner)

There is also a check box that you can check which will allow you to monitor the discussion on the particular strand.

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To view your statistics:

1. With your wiki open click on **Manage Wiki** at the top left of the page
2. Scroll down and under **Tools** click on **Wiki Statistics**
3. At the top left corner of the window click on the down arrow and choose the month you want to view and then click on **Set Dates**.
4. The 2 primary data categories are **Views** and **Unique Visitors**
5. To view the data click on **Download as CSV** under the category you want to view—you will now see a list of each day of the month and the total views, unique visitors, etc for that day. You can import these values in to Excel to have them tabulated or do it the old fashioned way with a calculator.
6. Another cool feature is seeing where visitors are from. At the bottom of the page you can view the top 10 countries indicated by a 2 letter code. There is a [Country Code List](#) link which will give you all the codes and corresponding countries.

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fdlrs region 3 public wiki sites

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- fdlrsregion3curriculumvisuals.wikispaces.com—visual supports for older students featuring biomes, natural disasters, health & safety, etc.
- fdlrsregion3literacyvisuals.wikispaces.com—word families, science/math vocabulary, flap books, antonyms, homophones, etc
- fdlrsregion3dynamicdisplaypages.wikispaces.com—screenshots of dynamic display device pages (SpringBoard, PalmTop, Dynavox, ChatPC) that can be used for manual communication boards and backup systems
- fdlrsregion3videotutorials.wikispaces.com—topics include Boardmaker, Microsoft Word, Windows Accessibility, etc.

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- fdlrsregion3literacyvisuals.wikispaces.com—word families, science/math vocabulary, flap books, antonyms, homophones, etc
- fdlrsregion3dynamicdisplaypages.wikispaces.com—screenshots of dynamic display device pages (SpringBoard, PalmTop, Dynavox, ChatPC) that can be used for manual communication boards and backup systems
- fdlrsregion3videotutorials.wikispaces.com—topics include Boardmaker, Microsoft Word, Windows Accessibility, etc.

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